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Dear Mr. Levitt:

The interest in CIA which you express in your letter of October 6, 1955 to the Director, Allen W. Dulles, is appreciated.

It is regretted that CIA may not approve any television series utilizing closed cases even though the script would be submitted to this Agency to check copy for security reasons. In carrying out the mission assigned by the Congress to CIA we do not and we may not disclose publicly our classified activities because such action on our part would be contrary to the National Security Act of 1947, which states "that the Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure." The highly sensitive character of this Agency makes it necessary that we do not participate in any efforts by any writer for factual or fictional stories regarding CIA. In view of the national security interests which caused the Congress to enact legislation to protect the sources and methods of this Agency from disclosure to unauthorized sources, it is obvious that we can only view as contrary to the national interest any television series such as your client brought to your attention and in the public welfare we must decline any and all interests.

Regarding your offer to submit scripts for clearance, this Agency does not clear any articles or scripts; neither does it check copy for accuracy. Because of its sensitive and secret nature it generally makes no comment on articles appearing in the public print regarding its activities whether such articles are accurate or inaccurate.

We hope that you will appreciate the necessity that we be guided by the law and of our particular concern to protect national security.

Very truly yours,

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